



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service

ARIZONA LIVESTOCK

April 2009 --- Released May 1, 2009



230 North 1st Avenue · Phoenix, AZ 85003-1706
(602) 280-8850 · (602) 280-8897 FAX · www.nass.usda.gov/az

To receive this information via email send a message to listserv@newsbox.usda.gov and include in the BODY of the message: subscribe usda-az-livestock John Doe (replace with your name).

Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 12 Percent From Last Year

On April 1, 2009, Arizona had 330,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 44,000 head from a year ago and down 12,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 24,000 head during March, 6,000 head less than a year ago. During March, 35,000 head were marketed, an increase of 4,000 head from last year.

On April 1, 2009, California had 445,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 85,000 head from last year and down 15,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 48,000 head during March, 7,000 head less than last year. During March, 60,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 5,000 head from a year ago.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.2 million head on April 1, 2009. The inventory was 5 percent below April 1, 2008. The inventory included 6.98 million steers and steer calves, down 5 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 63

percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.12 million head, down 4 percent from 2008.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.80 million, 4 percent above 2008. Net placements were 1.75 million head. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 300,000, 600-699 pounds were 340,000, 700-799 pounds were 592,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 570,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.83 million, 1 percent below 2008.

Other disappearance totaled 50,000 during March, 21 percent below 2008. This is the lowest other disappearance for the month of March since the series began in 1996.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Number Placed on Feed, Number Marketed, and Other Disappearance, 1000+ Capacity Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States 2008-2009

State	Number on Feed 1/					Number Placed on Feed			Number Marketed			Other Disappearance		
	April 1, 2009					During March			During March			During March 2/		
	April 1, 2008	Mar 1, 2009	Number	as % of 2008	as % of Jan	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008
	1,000 Head		Percent			1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
AZ	374	342	330	88	96	30	24	80	31	35	113	2	1	50
CA	530	460	445	84	97	55	48	87	65	60	92	5	3	60
CO	1,020	1,040	1,040	102	100	135	165	122	160	155	97	5	10	200
ID	230	215	210	91	98	37	26	70	39	30	77	3	1	33
IA	550	520	520	95	100	59	71	120	68	70	103	1	1	100
KS	2,420	2,290	2,280	94	100	440	395	90	415	395	95	15	10	67
NE	2,450	2,330	2,320	95	100	360	360	100	390	365	94	10	5	50
NM	158	148	137	87	93	10	10	100	11	19	173	1	2	200
OK	340	330	330	97	100	50	68	136	58	66	114	2	2	100
SD	225	225	225	100	100	32	46	144	37	44	119	5	2	40
TX	2,880	2,820	2,810	98	100	450	510	113	480	510	106	10	10	100
WA	152	153	160	105	105	30	35	117	28	27	96	1	1	100
Other Sts	355	355	345	97	97	48	44	92	60	52	87	3	2	67
US	11,684	11,228	11,152	95	99	1,736	1,802	104	1,842	1,828	99	63	50	79

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

March Milk Production Down 0.2 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 15.2 billion pounds, down 0.2 percent from March 2008. February revised production at 13.6 billion pounds, was down 2.7 percent from February 2008. The February revision represented a decrease of 23 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,788 pounds for March, 6 pounds below March 2008.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.48 million head, 15,000 head more than March 2008, but 4,000 head less than February 2009.

Milk Cows and Production: By State, March 2008-2009

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Percent change from 2008
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
AZ	186	190	2,190	2,090	407	397	-2.5
CA	1,842	1,822	1,975	1,920	3,638	3,498	-3.8
CO	126	128	1,945	1,980	245	253	3.3
FL	120	116	1,655	1,680	199	195	-2.0
ID	540	549	1,885	1,810	1,018	994	-2.4
IL	102	102	1,640	1,675	167	171	2.4
IN	166	167	1,700	1,750	282	292	3.5
IA	216	215	1,730	1,730	374	372	-0.5
KS	115	122	1,790	1,820	206	222	7.8
MI	345	354	1,870	1,890	645	669	3.7
MN	463	468	1,630	1,645	755	770	2.0
MO	110	108	1,300	1,320	143	143	
NM	340	333	1,990	2,110	677	703	3.8
NY	626	623	1,690	1,670	1,058	1,040	-1.7
OH	280	277	1,560	1,590	437	440	0.7
OR	114	114	1,700	1,695	194	193	-0.5
PA	549	550	1,680	1,670	922	919	-0.3
TX	408	430	1,800	1,850	734	796	8.4
UT	85	85	1,720	1,720	146	146	
VT	140	137	1,590	1,555	223	213	-4.5
VA	98	97	1,590	1,590	156	154	-1.3
WA	245	239	1,990	1,960	488	468	-4.1
WI	1,251	1,256	1,660	1,685	2,077	2,116	1.9
23-State Total	8,467	8,482	1,794	1,788	15,191	15,164	-0.2

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Published Monthly

Subscription to "Arizona Livestock" is free to reporters upon request and available for \$10 per year to non-reporters. Send request for order forms or address changes to USDA, NASS - Arizona Field Office, 230 N. 1st Avenue, Suite 303, Phoenix, Arizona 85003-1706. Releases are also available through our web site @ www.nass.usda.gov/az

Steve Manheimer, Director
Dave DeWalt, Deputy Director

Maria Bautista, Agricultural Statistician
Clare Jervis, Agricultural Statistician
Dianne Matta, Agricultural Statistician
Jeff Lemmons, Agricultural Statistician
Curt Stock, Agricultural Statistician

Release Dates For Upcoming National Reports

May 4 Dairy Products
May 18 Milk Production
May 22 Cattle on Feed
May 22 Farm Labor
May 22 Livestock Slaughter
May 29 Agricultural Prices

March Pork Production at Record High

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.14 billion pounds in March, up 1 percent from the 4.09 billion pounds produced in March 2008.

Beef production, at 2.14 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.73 million head, up slightly from March 2008. The average live weight was up 29 pounds from the previous year, at 1,305 pounds.

Veal production totaled 12.2 million pounds, 8 percent above March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 79,800 head, up 12 percent from March 2008. The average live weight was down 10 pounds from last year, at 263 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.97 billion pounds, up slightly from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.65 million head, down slightly from March 2008. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 272 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.9 million pounds, was down slightly from March 2008. Sheep slaughter totaled 222,000 head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 143 pounds, up 4 pounds from March a year ago.

January to March 2009 commercial red meat production was 12.1 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 2008. Accumulated beef production was down 2 percent from last year, veal was up 5 percent, pork was down 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 8 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production: By Arizona and United States 1/

Class	March 2008	February 2009	March 2009	March 2009 as % of 2/	
				March 2008	February 2009
Arizona 3/ Total Red Meat	33,100	29,200	31,200	94	107
United States	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
Beef	2,100.5	1,985.2	2,144.8	102	108
Veal	11.3	11.0	12.2	108	111
Pork	1,962.0	1,816.1	1,969.0	100	108
Lamb and Mutton	16.0	12.8	15.9	100	125
Total Red Meat	4,089.8	*3,825.0	4,141.9	101	108

* Revised.

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

3/ Breakdown by class not available, includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter: Arizona and U.S., January - March 2009 1/

Species	Arizona			United States		
	January - March			January - March		
	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight
Cattle	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds
Hogs	128.3	166,609	1,304	7,975.8	10,387,030	1,307
	0.4	103	263	28,488.3	7,738,629	272

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

United States Department of Agriculture
 NASS – Arizona Field Office
 230 N. 1st Avenue, Suite 303
 Phoenix, AZ 85003-1706

PRESORTED STANDARD
 POSTAGE & FEES PAID
 USDA
 PERMIT NO. G-38

OFFICIAL BUSINESS
 Penalty For Private Use \$300
 ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED
www.nass.usda.gov/

April Farm Prices Received Index Advanced 5 Points From Last Month

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in April, at 131 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 5 points (4.0 percent) from March. The Crop Index is up 9 points (6.2 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 3 points (2.8 percent). Producers received higher prices for lettuce, cattle, soybeans, and onions and lower prices for strawberries, snap beans, apples, and cauliflower. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of

commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of strawberries, sweet corn, cattle, and lettuce offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, wheat, and hogs.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 15 points (10 percent) from April 2008. The Food Commodities Index, at 129, increased 7 points (5.7 percent) from last month but decreased 13 points (9.2 percent) from April 2008.

Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The April Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 178 percent of the 1990-92 average. The index is unchanged from March but 1 point

(0.6 percent) below April 2008. Lower prices in April for mixed fertilizer, feed supplements, milk cows, and complete feeds offset higher prices for feeder cattle, nitrogen, diesel, and gasoline.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, April 2008 and 2009 and March 2009

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		April 2008 Entire Month	March 2009 Entire Month	April 2009 Mid-Month	April 2008 Entire Month	March 2009 Entire Month	April 2009 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	¢ Lb	1/	53.30	1/	65.50	41.00	42.80
Durum Wheat 2/	\$ Ton	---	---	---	476.70	254.30	262.30
Alfalfa Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	178.00	170.00	155.00	161.00	137.00	133.00
Cows 4/	\$ Cwt	51.00	44.00	48.00	50.70	44.60	47.50
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	92.00	82.00	85.00	91.80	84.00	87.70
Beef Cattle 5/	\$ Cwt	75.60	63.00	66.50	86.80	79.00	82.80
Calves	\$ Cwt	105.00	100.00	106.00	116.00	107.00	109.00
All Milk 6/	\$ Cwt	17.30	10.60	11.10	18.00	11.80	12.00

1/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations or insufficient sales.

2/ Not available for Arizona.

3/ Mid-month.

4/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

5/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

6/ Preliminary; before for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2008		2009	
	March	April	March	April
Prices Received	146	146	126	131
Prices Paid	174	179	178	178
Ratio 1/	84	82	71	74

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers.